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TAGS: PINS, ASEC, AR
SUBJECT: ERP ULTIMATUM

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)
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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
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1. THE ERP ISSUED AN ULTIMATUM TO THE GOA RECENTLY DEMANDING THAT 18 OF ITS RECENTLY ARRESTED MEMBERS BE SHOWN TO BE ALIVE AND WELL. THE ERP THREATENED AN INDISCRIMINATE CAMPAIGN OF ASSASSINATIONS OF GOVERNMENT AND PERONIST LEADERS IF THEIR DEMANDS WERE NOT MET. THE 72 HOUR TIME LIMIT RAN OUT AT 2400 HOURS JAN 29 AND NO ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS HAVE THUS FAR BEEN REPORTED.

2. THE ULTIMATUM RECEIVED NO DIRECT RESPONSE BY GOA AND WAS NOT CARRIED IN LOCAL PRESS DUE TO PROHIBITION ON PRINTING SUCH COMMUNIQUE. RECENT PUBLICITY GIVEN CAPTURE OF 14 ERP MEMBERS (SEE REFTTEL) MAY HAVE BEEN IN RESPONSE. OCCASIONALLY, THOSE PICKED UP BY POLICE ARE NEVER LISTED AS HAVING BEEN ARRESTED AND ARE SIMPLY FOUND DEAD BY SIDE OF ROAD. FACT THAT GOA ANNOUNCED ARRESTS, ALONG WITH NAMES, PHOTOS AND EVEN SHORT BIOS OF THOSE ARRESTED, IS THUS SEEN AS SOMETHING OF A GUARANTEE ON POLICE SIDE THAT THE 14 WILL NOT BE "WASTED". THAT ERP UNDERSTANDS IT IN SAME WAY IS SUGGESTED BY ITS FAILURE SO FAR TO CARRY OUT THREATS.

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3. COMMENT: THOSE CAPTURED MUST HAVE INDEED INCLUDED
SOMEONE WHO WAS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE ERP FOR THEM TO GO
TO SUCH THREATS.
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